### **PLANNING COMMITTEE 11 JANUARY 2011**

## **TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990**

# TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (TREES) REGULATIONS 1999 SUMMARY

This report seeks to confirm the Tree Preservation Order placed on the trees specified in this report.

### **REPORT**

The trees are located at: 54 Avenue Road N6

Species: G1.3 x Lime

Location: Front garden

Condition: Good

The Council's Arboriculturalist has reported as follows:

A Tree Preservation Order should be attached on the following grounds:

- 1. The trees are of high amenity value, being clearly visible from a public place.
- 2. The trees appear healthy for their species and age. They have a predicted life expectancy of 50-100 years.
- 3. The trees are suitable to their location and are native species, which contribute sufficiently to local bio-diversity.
- 1 objection letter received from 54 Avenue Road N6 as follows:
  - Trees block out a substantial amount of light
  - Root of all trees threatening the structure of the external garden wall
  - Trees considerably restrict the amount of light available to the ground and lower ground floor rooms

The Council Arboricultural Manager has commented on these objections as follows:

- The trees can easily be managed in the future by judicial pruning to allow sufficient light to filter through to the garden and living spaces within the adjacent building.
- The damaged boundary wall can be removed and rebuilt, taking into consideration the close proximity of the trees. The new wall can be designed to allow for future growth of the trees and avoid direct damage in the future.

Taking into account the comments of the Arboricultural Manager the Planning Committee is recommended to confirm the Tree Preservation Order.

# **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Tree Preservation Order upon the aforementioned trees under Section 198 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 be confirmed.

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